

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President David S. Byers, and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Kay Muse.

Commissioner Knochel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve minutes from the November 2, 2009 regular meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for November 4, 6, 11, 13, and 16 as submitted with no exceptions.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Agreement

Highway Director Opal Kuhl asked the Commissioners to confirm the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Agreement presented at November 2, 2009 regular meeting. This is a requirement of the Federal Government to assure stimulus monies are being used properly.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to confirm the ARRA agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Ms. Kuhl requested the addition of two more ARRA agreements that she received this morning for the Pretty Prairie Road and Stockwell Road projects. These agreements assure the money will be spent to resurface named roads.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the ARRA agreement on the Pretty Prairie Road Project as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the ARRA agreement on the Stockwell Road project as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

WARRANTY DEED and TEMPORARY HIGHWAY EASEMENT GRANT – Stockwell Road

Director Kuhl recommended approval of a Warranty Deed and Temporary Highway Easement Grant with Michael J. Rockstock and Nancy A. Anderson for parcels 12 & 12A in the amounts of \$5,955 for the Warranty Deed and \$240 for the Temporary Easement.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement for parcels 12 & 12A in the amount \$5,955 for the Warranty Deed and \$240 for the Temporary Easement, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

CULVERT SHL 503 REPLACEMENT PROJECT-Performance Bond and Material Bond

Ms. Kuhl submitted a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Bond from Fairfield Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$127,116.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond from Fairfield Contractors for Culvert SHL 503 as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson

Grant Facilitator Laurie Wilson presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Drug Free Coalition for a Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant to be used for drug and alcohol prevention.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the MOU as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion passed.

The Sheriff's Department is asking permission to accept a Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA) Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,800. This will be used to purchase Hummingbird Sonar equipment, which is used during underwater search and rescue. Sheriff Tracy Brown will be attending a ceremony in early December to receive the funds.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved accept the SIA Foundation Grant as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion passed.

Superior Court 3 is asking permission to accept an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Grant for Saturday School project at Jefferson High School; they are serving up to 100 children on Saturday and have expanded to include a truancy program.

- Commissioner Byers moved to accept the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion passed.

COUNTY ASSESSOR - Samantha Steele-Coles iDOX Manatron Software

County Assessor Samantha Steele-Coles asked to cancel the iDOX portion of the Manatron Software contract. Ms. Steele-Coles cited customer service issues, lack of training, three day response time, interface problems between software programs, functionality, and \$9,000 a year for annual support as reasons for termination. Ms. Steele-Coles is requesting permission to purchase AS2 software at an initial cost of \$8,500 and \$3,500 for annual maintenance. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if she had a proposed contract; Ms. Steele-Coles replied she had given a copy to Attorney Luhman. Mr. Luhman stated the DLGF had also reviewed the contract and it is in acceptable form. Commissioner Knochel introduced Tim Lacy and Chris Seger from Manatron. Mr. Lacy expressed willingness to do what is necessary to retain Tippecanoe County as a customer, stating he would be happy to sit down with Ms. Steele and her employees to get a clear understanding of the issues. He commented the iDOX software has been certified by the state and serves over 20 counties through out the state. Mr. Seger confirmed there was a deficiency in the ability to import addresses from state standardized forms, and it is his understanding this problem

has been resolved. Commissioner Murtaugh asked if Manatron would be willing to re-negotiate the maintenance fee. Mr. Lacy said they would be happy to review the fees and compare services included with comparable software. Commissioner Murtaugh feels that issues will arise with any software being used and the county should allow another year of usage before considering change. He would also like to see communication between the County and Manatron improve. Commissioner Byers inquired about starting over with new software; Ms. Steele-Coles stated that when switching the sales disclosures portion to AS2 they did not have any of these issues; only a few small details which were resolved within a week. Ms. Steele-Coles indicated a lack of desire to resolve communication issues with Manatron and would like to move forward with AS2. Commissioner Knochel asked if there was a motion to cancel iDOX contract. There was no motion put forth.

BUILDING COMMISSION

Unsafe Structure Steve and Michelle Mitchell Property

Building Commissioner Ron Highland presented two quotes for the demolition of the structures on this property located at 4918 Sherman Street, Buck Creek. He stated Mr. Mitchell expressed interest in making the necessary roof repairs and had been issued a temporary electrical pole permit. Ron Noles, Chief Environmentalist, and Mr. Highland made a visit to the property this morning. Mr. Noles stated the water damage is beyond repair and the property would pose possible serious health risks to anyone occupying the home. Mr. Mitchell stated he had reconsidered the repairs and would like to explore other options in the best interest of his family. Mr. Mitchell also asked if he could have two to three weeks to remove any personnel belongings. Commissioners agreed this would be acceptable.

QUOTES

Lauramie Excavating, Inc.	\$7,800
Exterior View, Inc.	\$8,500

- Commissioner Byers moved to take bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion passed.

Ordinance 2009-17-CM; Change for Commercial Fees

Building Commissioner Ron Highland is requesting commercial fee changes to Ordinance 2005-13-CM for demolition and landfill permits. Mr. Highland stated more commercial trips are made and an increase is warranted. He added the last time these fees were increased was in 2005.

PROPOSED FEES

Building Permit - change from \$0.20 to \$0.22 a square foot; no maximum or minimum permit fee
 Demolition Permit - change from \$50 to \$75
 Land Fill Permit - change from \$100 to \$150
 Re-inspection Fees - change from \$35 to \$50

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve Ordinance 2009-17-CM effective January 1, 2010 on first reading, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion passed.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Byers	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Murtaugh	Yes

Ordinance 2009-17-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

CLERK-Linda Phillips
Contract for IV-D Billing

County Clerk Linda Phillips is seeking approval of a contract with Maximus Consulting to do the billing for the federally funded child support collection portion of the IV-D program. Ms. Phillips states that the Clerk's office is currently doing the billing for this program and that additional reimbursements are possible. She believes there is about \$30,000 to \$35,000 in unclaimed funds; Maximus will submit claims for the county, including the prior two years, so that the county may be reimbursed. The fee of \$650 a month is 100% reimbursable by the federal government. Ms. Phillips adds that Maximus is knowledgeable in this field and that they currently service 36 other counties in the state.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the contract between Maximus Consulting and the Tippecanoe County Clerk, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion passed.

BOARD OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION-Heather Maddox & Debbie Ingersoll
Establishing Precincts

Democratic Co-Chairperson Heather Maddox and Republican Co-Chairperson Debbie Ingersoll presented proposed precinct changes due to population growth in the county. Ms. Maddox explained an order delegating this responsibility to the Board of Elections (BOE) is needed; adding this is the first step in making these changes.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the order delegating establishing precincts to the BOE as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

TIMEFORCE SOFTWARE CONTRACT

Commissioner Murtaugh presented a proposed contract with Timeforce to implement an automated timekeeping system, saving the county approximately \$200,000 annually. Mr. Murtaugh explained most employees will log-in and log-out via computer, however there are some locations that will need time clocks. Timeforce requested two trial runs before implementing the program on January 1, 2010. Attorney Luhman stated he reviewed this contract and recommends acceptance subject to adding an addendum to which Timeforce has agreed.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Timeforce contract as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Commissioner Murtaugh presented Change Order #3; this is a deduction of \$2,100 due to existing lighting being utilized.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve Change Order #3 presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TIPPECANOE COUNTY

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist presented a lease for the north steps of the Courthouse to be used during the Christmas parade on December 6, 2009.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve lease as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

- Commissioner Byers moved to re-appoint Jim Andrew to the Hospital Authority Board for a four year term, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

- Commissioner Byers moved to appoint Dave Lahr to the Common Wage Boards of the City of West Lafayette, Purdue University and Tippecanoe School Corporation, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS ON FILE

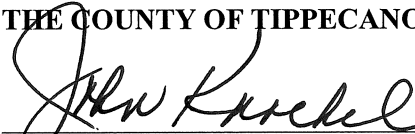
Building Commission Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

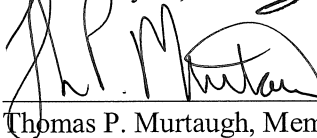
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ATTEST:



Jennifer Weston, Auditor

need to change
2009-17-CM - change to 2009-26-CM
11/16/2009
Meeting

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION

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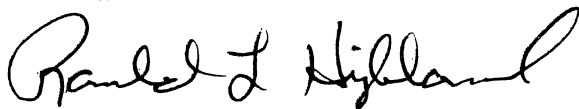
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Building Fees

In the Tippecanoe County Code of Ordinances Book chapter 151A.04 entitled Building Code Fees. I am asking the Board of Commissioners to amend ordinance 2005-13-CM the building permit fees for Class 1 structures, as defined by IC 22-12-1-4 from \$0.20 a square foot to \$0.22 a square foot with no maximum or minimum permit fee.

Under 151A.04 fees (E) entitled Demolition permit fees, change from \$50.00 to \$75.00. Also under (F) Land Fill permit fees, change from \$100.00 to \$150.00. In (G) change re-inspection fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ronald L. Highland
Tippecanoe County Building Commissioner